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SUMMARY. NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER NORMAN ROLPH PRESENTED SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR TWO - DAY (JUNE 7-8) US/ UK/ HK NARCOTICS MEETING WHICH INCLUDED MOST OF TOPICS MENTIONED REFTEL. HE AGREED TO INCLUSION OF OTHER SUGGESTED TOPICS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SUGGESTED PROGRAM. UK DELEGATES ARRIVING JUNE 5 AND WILL BE READY FOR MORNING MEETING JUNE 7. INFORMALITY OF MEETINGS, LIMITED PARTICIPATION, AND AVOIDANCE OF PUBLICITY ALSO MUTUALLY AGREED.
END SUMMARY

1. NARCOTICS COMMISSIONER ROLPH CALLED AT CONGEN MAY 29 AND PRESENTED FOLLOWING PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR SUBJECT MEETING:

JUNE 7

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MORNING SESSION - PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING IN SEA;
AFTERNOON SESSION - THAI TRAWLER PROBLEM.

JUNE 8

MORNING SESSION - HEROIN REFINING IN HONG KONG ; HEROIN EXPORTS
FROM HONG KONG, AND PENETRATION OF DRUG SYNDICATES IN HONG KONG
AND THAILAND.

AFTERNOON SESSION - HONG KONG LOOKS TO THE FUTURE AND OTHER BUSINESS.
IN RESPONSE, WE SUGGESTED OTHER TOPICS MENTIONED IN PARA ONE,
REFTEL. AGREEMENT REACHED TO INCLUDE BETTER FLOW OF INTELLIGENCE AND
MORE ACTIVE BNDD PARTICIPATION WITH HKG AUTHORITIES UNDER PENETRATION
OF DRUG SYNDICATES CATEGORY. CONSIDERATION OF PRC INVOLVEMENT IN
COOPERATIVE EFFORT AND POSSIBILITY OF UK REPRESENTATIONS TO THAI AND
BURMESE GOVTS ON SITUATION BOTH COULD BE HANDLED UNDER FINAL OTHER
BUSINESS CATEGORY OR DURING FIRST MORNING SESSION. ROLPH INDICATED
STATIONING OF UK AND HKG NARCOTICS REPRESENTATIVES IN THAILAND
COULD BE MENTIONED AT ANY TIME BUT SUBJECT " ALREADY OVERTAKEN BY
EVENTS" AND SUCH REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN
THREE MONTHS.

2. ROLPH STATED THAT UK REPRESENTATION WILL BE CHRIS TRAIN OF
HOME OFFICE, COMMANDER HUNTLEY OF METROPOLITAN POLICE
(DESCRIBED AS IN CHARGE OF NARCOTICS IN BRITAIN), AND DOUGLAS
JORDON OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE. THEY EXPECT TO ARRIVE
IN HONG KONG JUNE 5, WILL CONSULT WITH HKG AUTHORITIES ON 6 TH AND
BE PREPARED FOR JUNE 7 MORNING SESSION. IN EFFORT TO KEEP
MEETINGS AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE, ROLPH SUGGESTED BRITISH SIDE BE
REPRESENTED BY THREE FROM UK, HIMSELF, RUMBELOW, MORGAN, CHRIS
DAWSON, RHKP DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR OPERATIONS, HK POLITICAL
ADVISER RICHARD STRATTON, AND PETER WILLIAMS OF COLONIAL
SECRETARIAT. ROLPH EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US SIDE COULD KEEP NUMBER
ATTENDING SIMILARLY SMALL AND WE RECOMMEND, BESIDES THREE FROM
WASHINGTON, PICKERING AND DICK FROM BANGKOK, AND DEAN, SHOSTROM,
DURANT AND HART FROM HONG KONG.

3. WE TENTATIVELY AGREED TO KEEP LUNCH OPEN ON BOTH JUNE 7
AND 8 TO PERMIT PARTICIPANTS TO EAT INFORMALLY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY
FOR ANY FOLLOW- UP TO POINTS MADE DURING SESSIONS. ROLPH IS
CONTEMPLATING DINNER PARTY ON JUNE 7 AND CONSUL GENERAL OSBORN
WILL HOST DINNER JUNE 8.

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4. IN EXPLAINING PARTS OF PROPOSED PROGRAM, ROLPH INDICATED
THAT JUNE 8 SESSION ON " HONG KONG LOOKS TO THE FUTURE" WOULD BE
HKG' S PRESENTATION ON CURRENT PLANNING FOR FUTURE ACTION AGAINST
NARCOTICS AND WOULD INCORPORATE PLANNING HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED
SINCE TAKING OFFICE LAST SUMMER.

5. REQUEST CONCURRENCE WITH PROGRAM AS OUTLINED.

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